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Edwards et al.

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ARTERY DISEASE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 17, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1, 8, 10, and 19, in so far as they are drawn to a method of measuring the expression level of a specified nucleic acid. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims to the non-elected subject matter in subsequent applications.

Applicants traverse this requirement and assert that there is unity of invention, because unity was found by the PCT searching authority. The Office Action's extremely narrow characterization of the claimed invention does not accurately reflect the inventive aspects of the claimed subject matter. Applicants assert that all of the claims relate to the discovery that modulating the expression of oxytocin receptor (OXTR) gene may be useful in the treatment of certain diseases or conditions, including, but not limited to, coronary artery disease (CAD). The Examiner has not shown that this inventive contribution can be found in the prior art, and moreover Applicants submit that searching the claims as filed would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner.

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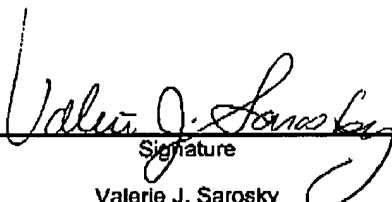
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